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Re: Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2018-002485
MWH:DRC

VIA: U.S. Mail

Dear Mr. Casillas-Prieto:

This responds to your letter dated January 21, 2018, attempting to appeal from the action of the United States Marshals Service on your Freedom of Information Act request.

Department of Justice regulations provide for a FOIA administrative appeal only after there has been an adverse determination by an identified component. See 28 C.F.R. § 16.8(a) (2017). USMS has no record of having received a FOIA request from you. Nor did you identify any other component of the Department of Justice from whose action you might be appealing. Accordingly, there is no action for this Office to consider on appeal, and I am closing your appeal file in this Office. If you wish to submit a new request for the records you described on appeal, please write directly to USMS.

If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

Sincerely,

3/1/2018

X

Matthew Hurd, Associate Chief, for
Sean O'Neill, Chief, Administrative Appeals Staff
Signed by: MATTHEW HURD